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EXECUTIVE GARDNER APPOINTS BROWNING AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced the appointment of Douglas Browning, CPA, to serve as chief administrative officer for Frederick County Government, effective January 5, 2015.

County Executive Gardner commented, “I am very pleased to appoint Doug Browning and welcome him back to county government as the historic first chief administrative officer under our new form of Charter Government. He brings an extensive array of experience and talents to this new position and he is a professional administrator with exemplary fiscal and management skills. He is already well respected and known among Frederick County division directors and employees. I believe that his appointment will bring stability and dependability to this new form of county government, as we will draw upon his service on the Charter Board in developing policies and procedures for Charter Government. On behalf of the citizens of Frederick County, I welcome him to our team of new beginnings in county government.”

Under the new Charter form of government that commenced with the swearing-in ceremony of County Executive Gardner and seven County Council members on December 1, 2014, the executive appoints the chief administrative officer, subject to confirmation by the County Council.

The duties of the new officer include performing executive level administrative work under the direction of the county executive and managing daily government operations. Work includes directing major county activities and government services, assisting the county executive in setting broad policy guidelines and programs relating to major issues of the county’s future and establishing long-term goals for Frederick County Government.

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The chief administrative officer also serves as the county executive in the absence of the county executive.

Mr. Browning most recently served as president of Frederick Community College (FCC) from January 2013 - August 2014. He was named interim president starting in 2011. He joined FCC in 2007 as vice president of administration, overseeing operating and capital budgets, purchasing and procurement, the long-term facility master plan, construction projects, contracts and agreements, and campus safety and security.

Prior to his service at FCC, Mr. Browning was county manager with Frederick County Government from 2002 – 2007. He was acting county manager before that appointment and comptroller/Finance Division director beginning in 1996, with a short break in service in 1999.

Mr. Browning, a Certified Public Accountant, has over 25 years of experience working in local financial government management positions, including the Montgomery and Worcester County Governments.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Baltimore.

Mr. Browning and his wife, Janet, reside in Frederick County.

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**Douglas Browning
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